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Area CIA Chief Dies In Crash

Brig. Gen. Harry Lynn Ostler, 61, regional director of the Central Intelligence Agency, was killed Thursday morning when his car collided almost head-on with a semi-trailer truck at Dowd on Colorado's West Slope. The State Patrol said Ostler, who lived at 1300 Monroe St. and was a retired brigadier general in the Army Reserve, died at the scene, but information on the accident was withheld pending clearance with military authorities.

Patrolman F. L. Prendergast said the accident occurred at 7:20 a.m. one-quarter mile west of the junction of U.S. 6 and 24 at Dowd, about 25 miles east of Eagle.

Prendergast said Ostler's westbound car collided with an eastbound W. J. Digby, Inc., rig loaded with oranges.

The driver of the truck was identified as James Reeves, 30, of 1399 Vine St. He was not hurt.

His co-driver, Franklin D. (Buddy) Pittsinger, 30, of 3325 Ward Road, Jefferson County, was asleep in the rig's sleeper compartment at the time of the crash. Pittsinger escaped with cuts and bruises.

FRACTURES FATAL

The officer said Ostler apparently died of a skull fracture and broken neck. His body was taken to the Miller Funeral Home in Eagle.

General Ostler has been area representative of the Central Intelligence Agency since 1951.

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